Financial assistance for IDSMTP by British Government

1720. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleaed to state:

(a) whether British Government has expressed its willingness to provide Rs. 1.5 crore as financial assistance for India's Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Pogramme (IDSMTP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how much amount of assistance has been given by the British Government during the last five years under the scheme;

(d) whether all the assistance given by the British Government has been utilised; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (e) The IDSMT Programme is a centrally sponsored scheme of the Government of India. There is no external assistance for the implementation of this programme. The British Government does not provide any financial assistance for this programme.

However, the Overseas Development Administration (UK) has agreed to support Urban Management Development Programme by providing Dollar 2,77,774 from Technical Cooperation Funds, for training purposes in the sector. Under Urban Management Development Programme among other things a team of Urban Management trainers has been trained, who will train, initially. Government officials involved with the IDSMT Programme. The assistance is in the form of providing training in management of urban development developing documentation centres etc. to begin with. The items for training are to be decided after a review.

Maintenance of Government quarters in Kidwai Nagar and R. K. Puram

1721. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maintenance and upkeep of Governmen quarters in Kidwai Nagar and R.K. Puram, New Delhi is not up to the mark; if so, the reason therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that damage in quarters and buildings have not been repaired for years together;

(c) whether CPWD authorities received complaints during the last 14 months about non-repair of damage in Kitchens and Varandas in A to E blocks in Kidwai Nagar especially in B Block and the same have not been attended to so far;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken/being taken in the matter;

(e) whether Government are aware that building material meant for maintenance is being drained out for private construction; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken to investigate the matter and punish the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. K. THUNGON) (a) The day-to-day maintenance and upkeep of Government quarters in Kidwai Nagar and R.K. Puram, New Delhi is being carried out by CPWD regularv and is upto the mark as per prescribed norms.

(b) The repair works required in the quarters are being carried out by CPWD regulary, subject to the availability of funds.

(c) and (d) Complaints received on day-to-day basis are attended to by the CPWD regularly. However major complaints inolving additions/alterations are attended to, depending upon the availablity of funds.

(e) No Sir.

(f) Does not arise in view to repiy to part (e) above.

Sea erosion in Orissa

1722. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing sea erosion in Orissa;

(b) if so, the estimated annual damage caused to land by sea erosion in that State; and

(c) the details of the steps taken to check the growing sea erosion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) As reported by the State Government, the Orissa Coast is experiencing erosion in some reaches confined mostly to the areas north of Paradeep Port, Hukitola Island. The erosion is also experienced at Gopalpur Chilka lake mouth Kushabhadra river mouth, Jatadhor Mohana and Panta Satabhaya region. Extent of land damaged has not been reported and compiled at the Centre.

(c) The protection against Coastal erosion is the responsibility of the State Government. A number of steps by way of construction of anti-sea-erosion works like sea walls revetments have been undertaken by the Government of Orissa to check erosion of the Coast.

Pilot Project for Solar Energy based irrigation and water supply

1723. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had a proposal to take up a pilot project for solar energy based minor irrigation and water supply in rural areas of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of that pilot project;

(c) wheher it is being launched in collaboration with France; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) A 'Pilot Project for Solar Energy based Minor Irrigation and Water Supply in Rural Areas' under the Indo-French Co-operation Programme on Water Resources Management has been proposed for installation of 50 numbers of Solar Pump in Anantapur or Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh; Kalahandi and Keonjhar districts in Orissa; Gumla or Ranchi district in Bihar and Raipur district in Madhya Pradesh for implementation during the 8th Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 5.46 crores; out of which France is providing a loan of French Francs 3.8 million and a grant of French Francs 2.0 million (Total equivalent to Rs. 2.96 crores).

Flood prone rivers and areas

1724. SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details and names of the flood prone rivers and areas in the country;